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The reply filed on 11/27/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action of 06/27/02, because the previous Office action required compliance with the Sequence Rules, in which 37 CFR 1.821 (a)(2)(d) states that each sequence disclosed must appear separately in the "Sequence listing", and referenced appropriately *in the text of the description* and the claims. See MPEP 2422 & 2431. In other words, pages 3 (line 13), 6 (line 13) & 7 (line 17) of the specification must be amended to indicate the appropriate SEQ ID NO. See 37 CFR 1.821(g).

Second, the attachment to PTO Form 948 required new corrected drawings, which was ignored by Applicants in this response, and which cannot be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).


Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects **all** deficiencies. **Note that no extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be granted.**

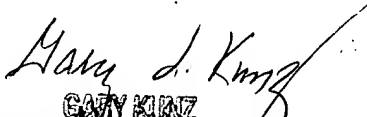
Applicant is then given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application under 37 CFR 1.135(c).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Robert Hayes (Art Unit 1647) whose telephone number is (703) 305-3132.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached on (703) 308-4623. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4242.

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